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As rushing onward o'er the earth, We hear its weary moun. "It's like the bubble on the waye. Or dew upon the lawn-

antly; "for I meant no offence. Finding What is a year? 'Tis but a type pence, I thought it only fair play to retort, Of life's oft changing scene; though with borrowed wit. And now for Youth's bappy morn comes guily on, buisness. At the request of your late With hills and vailey's green; N. xt summers prime succeeds the spring, ward, Charles Winters, I have come to The autumn with a tearlearn whether you will settle the accounts of your guardianship with him, or with

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Date, "Refugers," ect. "Yes, I know. My Nephew, Geor Durand, did not like to appear against CHAPTER I. him; and I am glad of it, for it would have been painful to me, had he been hung I used to love him as a son, and how h

came to be suspected of crime, is a mystery to me-it was not his education." "We lawyers, Mr. Orme, never concedthat a murder has been committed until the dead body is found; and the testimony of your nephew would have been wholly insufficient to convict Charles Winters .-But the accusation has probably answered ed its purpose, and your nephew is con-

> "What purpose do you mean, Sir? M nephew is a gentleman, and must not be spoken of in terms that imply the con-

seat, and let me hear your business."

to call in " the bear bear will calded

"And what then?"

wedding day."

mildly as he could-

ing wrath.

"Save me ten thousand dollars! Im-

"And what then?" demanded the old

gentleman, in a tone that betokened grow-

"I'll take her, sir, at forty thousand."

business is accomplished-and now sir, de-

'Don't be angry, Sir!" said Jons pleas-

"With you, Sir, if you please-I don't

want to see the boy again. You were his

lawyer, I believe, on his trial for murder!"

case was dismissed for want of a prosecu-

"He has had no trial, Mr. Orme; the

part!" and he pointed the way.

as he said:

"He is not from Connecticut," said Jones, with a smile. "But as a sensible man, I ask you, sir, why the accusation was made, if feelings of kindness forbade the prosecution? As I said, just now you have a daughter, and, in that fact, you may find the purpose of which I

"That fact, let me tell you, furnishes proof of no such purpose as you intimate. George had no occasion to be jealous, be cause he knows my daughter's hand will never be given to one who has his fortune to make. I know what poverty is, and will never subject my daughter to the chance of its trials.

"That is a strange reason for a man "Strange, or not, sir, it is none of your me, sir; for I don't remember to have seen business; and if you come as a wooer for yourself, or client, your mission is a foolish one-Fanny is no mate for one suspected of the very blackest crime."

"I come not as a wooer, sir, for myself. or client; but permit me to say that it does places, of which speak, are at your option." not become you thus to speak of one who have you got-wooden numers or shoe- family; one, too, who had won universal looking from one to the other. esteem by his upright deportment, fine "I am not in the peddling line," said talents and fascinating person. He has "May be you are an a cut of the under- -nay, cruel, in you to aid in crushing him by encouraging a belief of his guilt."

you do not believe him guilty?"

regret to say that there is much ground supposed victim. But these things may counts."

for it; but you have no more right to be accounted for without supposing a Whilst Mr. Orme was delivering the of course, at an end; for I would not fulfil grossly impertment, sir, and I will hear charge me with abolitionism, than I have murder. Hodges may have had reasons papers, Durand withdrew, in no amiable it, even at your request, and link your fu- nothing more from you until you are so-"Perhaps not, Mr. Jones; but take a Winters on the very eve of his departure, from the lawyer's unyielding firmness, but with the crime of murder. I know my dition." Jones seated himself, whilst a smile in the corner of his eye, indicated amusement a token of the friendship which certainly to ascertain how far he might be used as a change my position before the public, nor bor of your family, I am interested in at the manner of his reception, and a disposition to "poke" fun at his queer host. - no proof to rebut these suppositions, or to vicinity: but the sternness with which he friends, to break off all connection with me He, therefore, assumed a very grave air, show the alightest interruption of their was repelled, forcelosed all negotiations in -even to forget that I was ever more to "I happened to be passing this way, and

remembering that it is in my power to you will excuse me a moment, they shall found him and the found him and the to aid you in calmly resigning, and ultiregroes."

You have a daughter, I believe, Sir!" be placed in your hands. Charles can an account have a daughter, I believe, Sir!" be placed in your hands. inspect them, and any corrections that "I understand that you have promised may be necessary, shall be made as soon On a lovely summer's evening, and in a left open to you. With me, the case is difto give her fifty thousand dollars on her as pointed out. I have charged no com- beautiful grove, through whose leafy boughs forent. Poor, friendless, without character but if he attempts to stop me again, seize his little property might not be diminished -her light footsteps scattering the millions memory is my only source of happiness, but taste not his blood, lest you acquire a whilst in my hands."

George Durand appeared in the portico, smooth surface over which she trod. Her now, I will love you ever .-- but --"Thunder and lightning!" exclaimed bearing the outward marks of a genteel long, brown hair, escaped from its fasten-Mr. Orme, springing from his seat, and rowdy, whose wealth enabled him to associ- ings, fell in rich masses over her shoulders, Charles, whilst you vow eternal love for larger and jealousy, which he vented by glaring at his visiter, as if about to spring ate with gentlemen, and whose vanity and its wavy outlines were distinctly trace- me. I have not now to learn how noble and swearing a terrible oath, that, if Fanny upon, and crush him; but restraining his made him arrogant and overbearing to- able where the moonbeams rested upon it. disinterested are all the impulses of your would not marry him, she should never be passion, by a strong effort, he said, as wards those whom fortune had not favored Care sat upon her pale features, and her heart; and you cannot blame me, if, in this the wife of another. so liberally. At a little distance, his ap- languid step and neglected toilet betoken- case, I prefer your example to your pre-"If you came here, only to deliver your. pearance was prepossessing, but a close ed a heart ill at ease. The merry laugh, cept. The love I freely gave, you, was un was not surprised at seeing marks of disself of that price of impertinence, your scrutiny could not fail to detect evidence sparkling eye, and buoyant step which disof a vicious nature in the expression of tinguished the Fanny Orme of other days, now, when misfortune weighs heavily upon did she tremble when he thus addressed his countenance. And rumor said, that were hers no longer. Still, she was no you, would be an act of selfishness for her: though not more than twenty-two years of less beautiful in her sadness, than when which you could but despise me. Our age, he was old in the practice of vice joy sparkled in her bright, blue eyes, and paths through life, may be far apart; but regret, that you had an interview last night, you inclined to indulge a joke at my ex. gaming and drinking being two of his wreathed her lips with smiles. The finer I cannot forget my solemn promise to with Charles Winters, and at an unseasonconstant habits.

the destined husband of Fanny Orme .- of sorrow, than in the morning of un- you, even unto the end. But, dear Charles, Trained up in the school of obedience, she manifest to Fanny, in the tenderer care of at hand when your innocence shall be conhad never betraved to her father any dis- paternal love, in the gentler tone of friend- fessed by all; and should it come, I prominclination to an union with her cousin; ship's voice, and in the more delicate at- ise, in the sight of Heaven, that this hand himself?" but her heart had its secret-known to tentions of the rival candidates for her shall be yours, no matter how, or by whom, only to one, besides herself. Durand loved heart and hand, and was beginning to press his suit, which we speak, Fanny and Charles Win- dear Fanny," he said, clasping her in his would turn him out of doors if he thought stimulated by the fact that she had many ters had exchanged vows of mutual love; arms, "which surprises me not, coming him capable of insulting his daughter .admirers, and some of them decidedly and, happy in the prospect of a bright fu- from you; but, at the same time, it deeply After a thoughtful pause, he resumed: formidable. His vanity made him san- ture, she was as joyous as a girl of sixteen pains me to reflect that a heart so pure, so "But, Fanny, you have not answered my

speak out like a man."

that I am not the man to be intimidated reflections that crowded upon her mind.

remember, there are times and places, when ly receded, sayingand where, you can claim no such protection as is now afforded by the circum-

"Let me hear no more of that affair from 'I know not what I would have said; and you, George!" said his uncle sternly .- only know that I am very unhapy." "Humph! a gentleman, and from Con- "That is just what I mean to say, Mr. "Perhaps no one is guilty; and remember And her fast falling tears, and heaving utterly astonished that you should connecticut! You may as well tell me you Orme. It is true, Mr. Hodges is missing; that you were the only witness against bosomattested the truth of the declaration. sent to speak to him, even in broad day-

for concealing himself; that he was with mood. He knew he had nothing to hope ture with that of one who stands charged ber, if you ever happen to be in that conmay have been purely accidental, and the much to fear from his deep penetration .- own innocence, and the author and the mowatch may have been a parting present- He had approached Mr. Jones, with a view tive of the accusation; but this does not existed between the parties. There was means of removing Winters from that make it the less your duty to yourself and your conduct, and as your future-" well known intimacy."

that quarter, whilst the offer of his purse you than a passing acquaintance."

"I have no desire" said Mr. Orme, "to had probably suggested a motive other throw any obstacles in the young man's than friendship, for the accused. Smart "No, Fanny, for it is a lesson I shall save you ten thousand dollars, concluded way on the contrary, I heartily wish he ing under disappointment and insult, never learn. But our positions are widely may outlive the stigma on his name, and Durand mounted his horse and sought different. You are blessed with a characbecomes a useful and happy man, But to comfort in more congenial company; Jones ter unsullied by the breath of slander; you possible, Sir! I haven't half that sum at our business. The accounts, of which returned to the city, leaving Mr. Orms to have beauty, fortune, high position, and risk, unless the cholers gets among the you spoke, are already made out, and if enjoy his newspaper, on the spot where he thus circumstanced, everything conspires

sensibilities of the heart, ever sympathise tread yours with you; and if forbidden to able hour-Is it true?" Such was the character of George Durand, more warmly, with beauty in the twilight attend you in person, my love shall be with

her, next to his evil habits and her fortune; But a few weeks previous to the night, of "This is a proof of love and constancy, like sunshine. But her joy was too soon sake.' "Mr. Jones," said Durand, what does exchanged for sorrow. Charles was arrespractice law, for which he is said to be never disclosed, save to him upon whom action?" minently qualified. If he will do so, my its love was lavished, and in the hour of "Not yet. I have had no time to think; ourse is open to him, provided he needs suffering to no one could she fily for sym- and as there are many points to be con-

rest assured—he will never, under any communion with her own thoughts, and night, you shall be fully informed of my upon either; but as it was confidential, extance. Should be consent to follow my Fanny had just heard of the release of To this proposition, Fanny promptly as- than to say that his visit was to me," dvice, he will stay where he is, and await her lover, and although she rejoiced that sented, and with hearts full of love, and the course of events, which will, sooner or he was free, and had the fullest confidence not devoid of hope, the lovers parted, but later, vindicate his innocence, and fasten in his innocence, she felt that the stain up- not unobserved. upon the guilty-not the murder, for none on his character-however undeservedhas been committed-but the crime of a interposed a barrier to their union which lawyer Jones, as already mentioned, left that any such feeling prompted you to liscould only be removed by the reappear- his uncle's house, and, joining his vicious ten to him; and your good sense will teach "That is your opinion," replied Durand, ance of the supposed victim, or by some companions, had spent the day in dissipa- you that the interview must not be repeawith a troubled air, "but I will thank you other circumstance equally confirmatory of tion, and returned just in time to witness, ted-Uharles Winters is no companion for not to repeat it in my presence; and if you the fact that he was no murderer, in fact, from the front door, their very affectionate you; and were his honor unimpeached, you intend, by it, to convey any censure upon or in intention. Oppressed by the weight parting. He was quite drunk, yet sober must be aware that I intend to bestow your my conduct, quit your insinuations, and upon her heart, she had sought the open enough to feel the pangs of jealousy, un- hand upon another." air, hoping to breathe freer, and, by mo- der the influence of which, he hastened to

by a drunken bully; and when I speak of When she had reached the limit of her was too late to attempt to avoid him, and a malicious accusation, the expression has promenade, furthest from the front of the resolved, at once, to fall back upon her redirect reference to you-the censure is house, and was turning to retrace her steps served rights, and enforce in practice, the force, to him?" "You are now in my uncle's house, Mr. Her first impulse was to rush into his arms

Jones, and may say what you please; but and she took a step forward, but as quick- ny!" Was his salutation. "Mr. Winters, why are you here?"

"I see, Miss Orme," he said, in a tone

"No, no, Charles, Indeed I do not, and

"I see how it is Fanny; you believe me "Not quarrelling, I hope, gentlemen!" innocent, but suspicion rests upon me-I you meet a man in your nightly rambles, der a full conviction of his unworthiness. Orme, with visible contempt. "And what has been your ward—a member of your said Mr. Orme, making his appearance, and have been an inmate of the felon's cell, and hold intercourse with him in a manner that I solemnly protest against any scheme and however wronged, come thence with so familiar and affectionate. If it is no that contemplates the bestowal of my hand "Oh, no!" said the nephew, with an at- the stamp of infamy upon my character, secret, may I not learn the name of that upon him-I will never confide my happitempt at a sneer. "But I fear, had you and must not hope to be looked upon as very fortunate individual?" his fortune to make, and it is ungenerous not returned so soon, your polite visitor other than a guilty exile from the pale of -is it not, Fanny?"

I am here to-night. Our engagement is, ble, so vastly your superior. You are a wasp, want common sease.

when so many sources of happiness are missions and left out sundry advances, that the moon was peering, strolled Fanny Orme ter, the future gloomy and forbidding, and worry him, to your heart's content, of bright dew-gems which diamond-poin- and I would not, if I could, forget the relish for strong drink, and become as Just as Mr. Orme entered the house, ted the blades of grass that carpeted the hours I've spent with you—as I love you great a brute as himself."

opposed."

true, may suffer long and deeply for my

"And now, that you know my determiour client propose to do with himself for ted on a charge of murder, and the blow nation, Charles, let us change the subject a the future? He ought to go to some dis- fell heavily, though she, only, knew whence little, and speak of your future plans .tant point, where he is not known, and it came. The secret of her heart, she had Have you determined upon any plan of

pathy and consolation. In the solitude sidered, I must, to act wisely, act deliberintends to do; but of one thing you may cure from prying observation, she held and about the same hour, next Tuesday intentions for the future.'

"You ought to be aware, Mr. Durand, tion, to shake off a portion of the unwelcome meet Fanny, in order to demand an explanation of her conduct. She saw that it doctrine of non-intervention.

"You are out late to-night, cousin Fan-

"Not later than yourself, George, or we should not have met."

members of the family have retired." "Have you not often seen me do the same thing, George?"

"First establish your right to control would have extracted from me a confession society. This is what you would have said my actions, sir, then, perhaps, I may answer your question; but not until then." "An answer is not needed, Miss, for I to think of recalling her. happen to know the scape-gallows, and am

"Druak, or sober, Fanny, I will be heard," he said in a voice of anger. "As a mem-

Her attempt to pass him suddenly, interrupied his speech, and he stepped before her, swearing that she should not quit him until she had received the same tokens of favor she had just bestowed upon another. And to accomplish his threat. he was about to seize her hand, when her faithful Newfoundland, Cato, stepped between thom with a growl so threatning that Durand sprang backward with a cry of alarmi, we as an its band of weath the re-

"Don't bite him, Cato!" she said, laughe ing, and patting the noble animal's head. "He is not a foeman worthy of your steel;

Thus protected, she entered the house,

"I heard this morning, Fanny, and with

"I suppose, sir," was her reply, "that your informant is my amiable cousin .-And what did she say to the arrangement? clouded gladness. And this was made let us not despair, The time may be near Did he also inform you that I was indebted to my faithful Cato for protection from the drunken rudeness of a greater brute than Durand cowered under her indignant

gaze, and Mr. Orme looked at him with no pleasant expression, as he declared he

"I did see Charles, sir, between the hours of nine and ten, last night." "By appointment?"

"No, sir! By accident."

"And, if I may be so bold as to ask, for what purpose was he prowling about my premises, at that hour? I hope his visit was not to you!"

"As far as I feel at liberty to answer, "I can't say," replied Jones, "what he of her chamber, or in some quiet nook, se- ately. If you will meet me on this spot, father, I will answer truly. That which passed between us, sir, reflects no discredit cuse me for declining to answer, further

"Perhaps, from a hint given me this morning, it may be no great mistake to say that love, on his part, was the motive George Durand, after his interview with of the visit. Of course, I need not fear

"And that other?" she asked, with flash-

answer.

"And do you propose to marry me by "No!"

"Then I will never be the wife of a drunkard and gambler."

"Fanny, do you apply such terms to your cousin, in my presence? Some slanderer "You are a woman, remember, and it is has been poisoning your mind against him, of sadnes, "that, from the formality of a very unusual thing to see a lady strolling and I charge you to put no faith in the

"Your easy confidence, father, has made you blind to a fact, known to the whole community. George dare not deny it, for "Yes; but it is the first time I have seen the proof is too easily made; and it is unness to the keeping of one whom I know to be addicted to the lowest vices."

And she left the room, -her listeners too much astonished at her determined spirit,

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What fra year? 'Tis but a turn

Which we must travel o'er.

As transient as the mist of a sen Beneath the summer's sun.

When comes old Winter-death an! all Must find a level here.

For the Chronicle.

Mr. George Orme was a cholcric old gentleman-a strange compound of pre-Commission And Ferw arding judice and benevelence. He was a man of wealth and influence, though of a limited education; and having passed the period of early manhood in struggles with coverty, he was necessarily wanting in that grace and refinement, so rarely acquired by one who toils at the plough-tail, in a sparsely settled country. At a later ed a fortune, he purchased a valuable estate in the immediate vicinity of New Orleans, and lived in luxurious ease, with

Forwarding, Storage and Commission period of his life, however, having acquirhis only child, Fanny, who was as highly accomplished as she was beautiful. At the date of his introduction to the reader, Mr. Orme sat, without his coat, in

safrounding country in the various branches of the portico of his spacious mansion, read his profession. His office is at the Drug Store ing a newspaper, and occasionly looking ner his spectacles, and ripping out something very much like an oath at a parcel of noisy negro children, who were rolling, w. J. BROADDUS tumbling and hallooing on the lawn that extended from the building to the river, which constituted a boundary line of his

princely estate. "Good morning, Mr. Orme," said entleman, who had approached, unpercieved, and stood on the step of the short

flight leading up to the portice. "Morning, Sir!" was the reply of the old gentleman, as he laid the paper on his knees, and lifted his speciacles to the margin of the bald space on the crown of with a large fortune, and only one child. No liabilities incured, except upon produce in his head. "You have the advantage of

"And where did you come from?"

"Just now, from New Orleans-origin "From Connecticut!" exclaimed

lones, with a smile. round railread!" "No, Sir; I am no negro sicaler, and "Do you mean to say, Mr. Jones, that

claim to be a gentleman.'

Having associated themselves together in the necticut! You may as well tell a practice of law, are prepared to attend to all business are a white man, and from Africa."

circumstances, avail himself of your assis- wept unseen.

well deserved, and you feel it to be so." | Charles Winters stood before her.

stances which surround you." "Very prudently said, sir. And since your address, and the coldness of your about a grove, and alone, after the other falsehood." you remind me that this roof protects me tone, you, too, believe me guilty." from your wrath, I will forbear to provoke it-merely remarking that the times and you wrong me by the suspicion; but-"

that I murdered young Hodges."

it may be true that Winters was the last Charles; and should Hodges reappear, you He took her unresisting hand in his, and light; but-" "I am aware," said Jones, "of your person seen with him, and it is true, that will reap a rich harvest of public indigna- replied: strong prejudice against the North, and he is in possession of the watch of his tion .- Here Mr. Jones, are those ac-